

Chapter 9



Rosebud

ARE WE THERE
WITH I THOUGHT
THE MEMORIAL HALL
WAS RIGHT NEXT
DOOR.

HERE
WE ARE!

WE WILL
ARRIVE VERY
SOON!

LET ME HOPE THAT
YOU FIND WHAT
YOU NEED!

HMM... DO YOU
KNOW IF THEY'RE
CHAMBERED MY
SHREWD?

HMM...
WHERE
DID HE
GO?

I'LL TAKE THIS ONE!

CATAN

AND THIS
ONE TOO!

YOU HAVE GOOD
REFLEXES, MY
DEAR!

THANK YOU.
I TRY TO
KEEP THEM SHARP.





THAT IS HIS EXCESSIVE
PASSION FOR HEAVY
PLATE ARMOR.

HIS MESH WAS SOON
THAT I ACCOMPANIED
HIM EVERYWHERE, AND
EVEN IN THE RIDDING
OF FAIR LADIES.

EVERWHERE, ACROSS
THE FIGHTING FIELDS
WHERE TOGETHER WE
DRANK UP THE BLOOD
OF OUR ENEMIES.

HE WORE ME
WHILE SLEEPING,
WHILE EATING...

EVERWHERE

HE GAVE ME
A NAME:
HALFAX.

AND THUS I
CAME TO
LIFE.

WE LIVED HAPPILY. HE
MADE A GOOD
MARRIAGE, HAD MANY
CHILDREN AND BUILT A
MAGNIFICENT CASTLE.

THEN, ONE DAY MY
MASTER STOPPED
TALKING TO ME.

IN ACCORDANCE
WITH HIS WILL, I
WAS INTERRED
WITH HIM.

I SPENT THE FOLLOWING
CENTURIES TRYING IN VAIN
TO SPEAK WITH HIM BUT
HE REMAINED AS SILENT
AS THE STONE SHREWS THAT
COVERED US.

His BODY
DISCOMPOSED,

I DECIDED THAT IT
WAS TIME TO TAKE
THINGS INTO MY
OWN HANDS.

TO LEAVE THE DARK
HOLLOW, TO FIGHT, TO SEE
NEW THINGS AND TO
COURT BEAUTIFUL
WOMEN...

BUT THIS WORLD HAD CHANGED. THE
GENTLEMEN NO LONGER WORE ARMOR
AND THE LADIES PAINTED THEMSELVES IN
A LEWD AND DISGUSTING MANNER.

I REALIZED THAT MY MASTERS
WERE THE ONLY BEING WITH
WHICH I STILL SHARED THE
GODS OF CHARITY. I DECIDED
THUS TO DISCERN THE REASON
FOR HIS SILENCE, SEARCHING
IN BOOKS FOR WHAT COULD
BE THE CAUSE. THUS I WOULD
BE MASTERS APART TO FIND A
SOLUTION TO THIS TERRIBLE
ISSUE THAT SEPARATED US.

GONE FROM ONE LIBRARY
TO ANOTHER, HURRYING
MINDLY DEEPER AND DEEPER
INTO THE THICKS AND TURNS
OF THE WRITTEN RECORD OF
HUMAN INCHAINS I LANDED
IN THE HALL OF ARCHIVES,
THE GREAT AVALANCHE OF

THIS PLACE IS THAT
PARCHMENTS AND BOOKS ARE
REGULARLY PERIODICALLY HERE.
CERTAINLY ONE MUST SORT
THROUGH THEM, BUT THIS IS
NOT SOMETHING MY MASTERS
AND I LACK.

THEN, BY MAKING A
COMPANION OF
STYLING, I
SHOULD FIND THE
ALIMENT FROM
WHICH MY BELoved
DISEASED SUFFERED!
THIS ALIMENT IS
CALLED AN
INFARCTION, A
TERRIBLE DISEASE
WHICH CAUSES THE
HEART TO STOP.

WHEN YOU THREE ARRIVED
AN IDEA CAME TO ME.

ON HIS LIFETIME WHILE HE COME
STILL SPEAK HE LOVED TO REVEAL
THESE WORDS TO BEAUTIFUL
YOUNG WOMEN. IF YOU DO NOT
OFFER ME YON HEART I WILL THEM

THANK YOU FOR MIRANT
ME THE ANSWER I HAVE
MASTERED FOR YERNA. I
SIMPLY NEED THE HEART
OF A WOMAN TO RETURN
LIFE AND VOICE TO MY
MASTER.

THE TALL KNIGHT AND THE
SABLE MONKIN WOULD HAVE
PLEASED MY OTHER ENEMIES BUT
HE WILL HAVE TO BE CONTENT
WITH YOU, BECAUSE YOUR
INSTIGATION MAKES MY TASK
INFINITELY MORE EASY.

I WOULD BE GRATEFUL IF
YOU WOULD NOT STAYAWAY,
THE OPERATION WILL BE
QUITE PAINLESS THAT WAY.

FOUND
FATHOMS

NO

LIKE LOOKING
FOR A
NEEDLE IN A
HAYSTACK...

IT WOULD HAVE BEEN
NICE TOO IF WE COULD
HAVE COUNTED ON
ZORAH NEW!

IF ONLY HE
HAD STOOD
TO HELP ME

NOW IS MY
CHANCE!



NO QUESTION.
THEM DEFINITELY
THE SECURITY
JACOB PERSONAL...

WHAT DOES THE
DOOR NEED TO BE
COLLAPSED
BEHIND HER?



HAPPY
HERE ONE
TOUCH
MANAGA!

YOU'RE TURNED ON
ME! SECOND TIME
ONLY MAKES YOU EVEN
MORE DESIRABLE.

MR FLAMINGO IS
ONLY GOING TO
HIS DOWN...

I NEED AN
ESCAPE ROUTE!



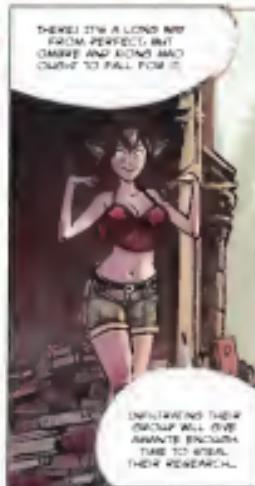






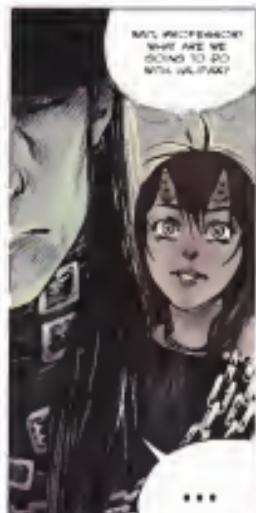


OH NO!
WE'VE PICKED
UP A BALL
AND CHAIN







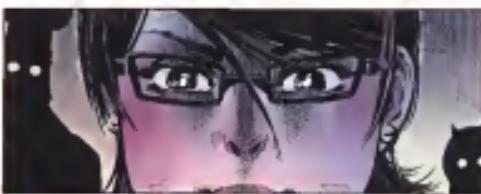






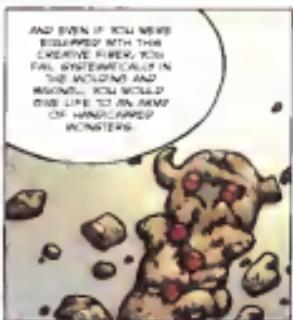
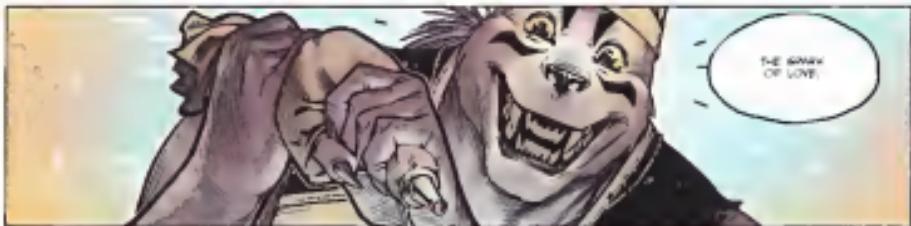
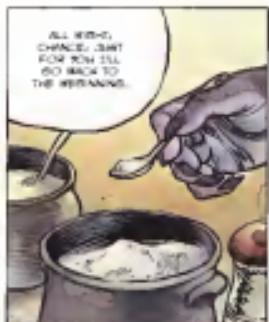
ME MATERIALIZED ALL THE READING INFORMATION IN THE SECRET EXTRACT, I ENCODED IT TO THE AVAILABILITY OF THE FORMULA.





DON'T WORRY! I'LL BE BACK IN A MINUTE!





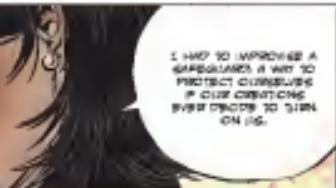


HERE EVERYONE INTO THE OVEN



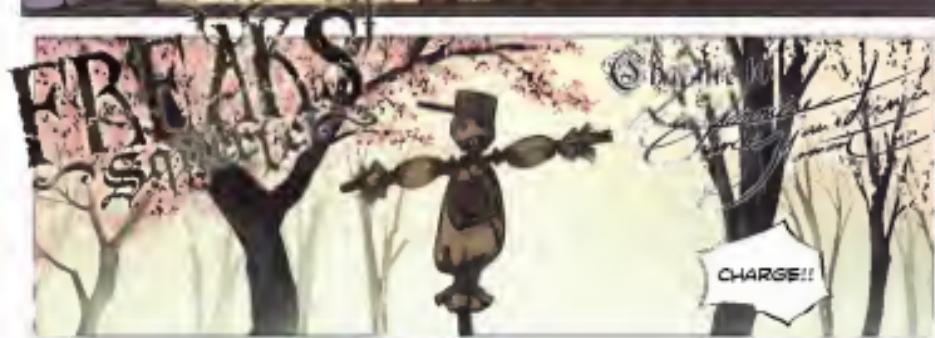


YOU KNOW, I'M...
STUPID. YOU CAN
JUST KEEP RIGHT
ON BAKING.









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